GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:349
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2001
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROCUREMENT OF COCONUT ARECANUT
P.C. THOMAS

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any action to give a minimum price for Coconut, Arecanut, Pineapple, Ginger and other agricultural produces;

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of Kerala has requested for financial help to procure Coconut, Arecanut and any other items; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.349 DUE FOR REPLY ON 21.03.2001.

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government of India provides remunerative price to farmersunder the Price Support Scheme (PSS) by fixing Minimum Support Price (MSP) formajor agricultural commodities including copra. For some other agricultural and horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and which are not covered under the Price Support Scheme, like pineapple, ginger, arecanut, etc., price support is provided to the farmers through the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS).

(b): The procurement operations undertaken by the Government of India toprovide remunerative prices to the farmers under the Price Support Scheme and the Market Intervention Scheme during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are given at Annexure I & II.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

ANNEXURE-I

Procurement of Agricultural commodities under Price Support Scheme (PSS).

(Qty. in MTs)

S.No.	Commodity	1999-2000	2000-2001 (As on 15.3.2001)
1.	Paddy/Rice	1,72,74,000	1,51,27,000
2.	Coarse Grains (cereals)	Negligible	4,57,000
3.	Wheat	1,41,43,000	1,63,55,000
4.	Milling Copra		
	Ball Copra	Negligible	
	Negligible	2,18,814	4,063

5. Soyabean 4,94,418 54,660
6. Sun Flower Seeds 21,241 44,252

7 Mustard Seeds Nil 2,45,001

8. Safflower Seeds Nil 6,610

9. Ground Nut Nil 27,700
10. Arhar (Red Gram) Nil 100
11. Cotton 7,874 (Bales) Nil
12. Tobacco Nil 27

ANNEXURE-II

Procurement of Agricultural Commodities under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS).

Sl.No. Commodity State Quantity approved for procurement (in MTs) Price Fixed

Year 1999-2000

1. Oilpalm Andhra Pradesh 65,000 Rs.2750 per MT

2. Onions Maharashtra 65,000 Rs.250 per qtl.

3. Oilpalm Karnataka 5,000 Rs.2750 per MT

4. Kinnow/malta/Orange/Galgal Himachal Pradesh 200-150 (galgal)
(Kinnow/malta/orange)
B, Grade Rs.4.25 per kg.
C, Grade Rs.3.65 per kg.
Rs. 2.50 per kg.

Year 2000-2001

1. Kinnaur apples Himachal Pradesh 16,000 Rs.10 per K.G.